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Messrs Helphinstine & Bentley:  
Gentle: I very cheerfully state that I used Du-  
rang's Rheumatic Remedy with decided benefit.  
A. H. STEPHENS,  
Member of Congress of Ga.  
Presidential Mansion,  
Washington, D. C., April 25, 1875.  
Gentle: For the past seven years my wife has  
been a great sufferer from rheumatism, her doctors  
giving her every remedy known to medicine, but  
Durang's Rheumatic Remedy, and a permanent  
cure was the result. WM. M. (BROOKS),  
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Washington, D. C., March 3, 1875.  
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RELEASE.

If one had watched a prisoner many a year,  
standing behind a barred window pane,  
Fettered with heavy handcuffs and with chain  
And gazing on the dusky far and clear,  
And suddenly some morning he should hear  
The man had in the night contrived to gain  
His freedom and was safe, would this bring  
A smile?

Ah! would it not to the dull heart appear  
Good tidings?

Yesterday I looked on one  
Who lay as if asleep in perfect peace  
His long hair streaming down his face  
His eyes were closed, his hands were loose  
His great freedom his release  
Had bought. Yet they who loved him called  
him  
And wept, refusing to be comforted.

Captain Ward's Will.  
[Chicago Journal.]

The cause celebre which has grown out of  
of the last will and testament left by the  
late Captain Eben B. Ward, Michigan's  
leading capitalist and millionaire, stands  
almost without a parallel in its develop-  
ment of cross-purposes, tangled interests  
and decidedly mixed social and domestic  
relations. The deceased who was well  
known in Chicago and throughout the  
entire Northwest, died suddenly last  
January, leaving an estate inventoried  
at \$5,000,000. He also left five adult  
children by a wife now dead, two of  
whom are lunatics, a young widow, to  
whom he was married about ten years  
ago, and two infant children. In his will,  
which was made within the last  
few years, he bequeathed the bulk of  
his property to the young widow.  
The children of the first marriage, dis-  
satisfied with this disposition of their  
father's wealth, decided to dispute the  
will, and retained eminent counsel. After  
some unavailing efforts to effect a com-  
promise, the matter was carried into the  
courts. On the part of the children who  
contest the validity of the will, it is al-  
leged that Capt. Ward believed in spiri-  
tualism, which became an insane delusion  
with him, and which dictated the terms  
of the bequest; that the will was made  
under pretended instructions of the spirit  
of his last wife's father and under undue  
influences, etc., etc.

It appears from the evidence given on  
the trial, that Captain Ward, during his  
long and successful business career, was  
accustomed to ask the advice of the spir-  
its in regard to his enterprises. Whether  
he always acted upon these ghostly in-  
structions or not, does not appear, but  
it is established well that he con-  
sidered his own carnal judgment un-  
worthy of implicit trust on railroad mat-  
ters, until he had held an interview with  
the shade of Dean Richmond; and a con-  
sultation with the spirit of "Cabbage  
John," a defunct German Geologist al-  
ways preceding a new mining venture.  
Indeed, the ghost of the German was so  
frequently admitted to his most intimate  
confidence, that it became little less than  
the Captain's "familiar." As his method  
of acquiring property was attended by  
success, the prospective heirs of the  
estate never thought to find fault with  
his appeal to supernatural influences for  
direction in business affairs. But it was  
different when he undertook to dispose  
of his possessions according to the same  
general kind of advice that he had sought  
when accumulating them.

The heirs then suddenly discovered that  
their father's dealings with the spirits in-  
dicated an ungodly man. To the plain  
this obvious inconsistency, it is alleged  
that while the advice which the Captain  
had received from the other world in re-  
gard to business matters was always very  
harmonious, the advice he had received  
from the same source about the will was  
so very conflicting that it grievously per-  
plexed and agitated him. In fact judg-  
ing from the influences brought to  
bear from the spirit realm, it would seem  
that the disembodied still retain their  
preferences for their own kind and kin,  
and it was the good fortune of the  
second Mrs. Ward that she had more  
numerous witnesses and abler advocates  
on the farther shore than her predecessor.  
It is also probable that as neither  
"Cabbage John" nor Dean Richmond  
are known to make a stily testimo-  
nial, and that the evidence in this world  
in the sphere to which they have been  
translated, they were unable to give  
sound advice on such a delicate question.

But, however that may be, the theory  
of the contestants' counsel raised a very  
interesting and interesting question,  
namely: Is a belief in spiritual manifesta-  
tions prima facie evidence of an unsound  
mind? If so—if harmless delusions, re-  
ligious, scientific, or social, are to be con-  
founded with lunacy, then we may as  
well straightway set out building a good  
many more lunatic asylums than we have  
at present. Every social circle is familiar  
with the fact that certain of its members  
are, not exactly mad, but "cracked." On  
one point or another—sometimes on sev-  
eral points—the mental vision of these  
people is disturbed, and they cherish be-  
liefs which every one else sees to be absurd;  
and which they cherish all the more the  
more opposition is shown to them. In the  
reckless exaggeration of modern  
social talk, one continually hears of such  
or such a person being as "mad as a  
March hare"—though why hares in  
March should be madder than any other  
creature, must remain a riddle. One's  
friends who are thus described as being  
as mad as a March hare do not foam at  
the mouth, or flourish razors, or beat  
their heads against a wall; when one in-  
quires into the facts, it appears that they  
have merely some craze about the world  
being flat, or the possibility of squaring  
the circle, or the danger of eating animal  
food. Far more extraordinary delusions  
are known to possess the minds of many  
highly respected members of society,  
whom no one would dream of repre-  
senting as incapable of managing their  
own affairs. Captain Ward, though be-  
lieving in spirits, was standard author-  
ity upon industrial probabilities, and his  
enterprises undertaken and managed ac-  
cording to his honest opinions generally  
led to fortune. He gave the city of  
Wyandotte its only industrial importance  
by locating rolling mills and smelting  
works at there. His mills near Milwaukee  
employed 1,500 men, and used the entire  
product of neighboring mines. His  
rolling mills and Bessemer steel works in  
North Chicago employed 1,500 men. In  
Michigan he owned 90,000 acres of  
prime lands, and employed 500 men  
in lumbering operations, while he  
stood at the head of a dozen mining  
and other powerful corporations, and at  
the time of his death owned steamboats  
valued at \$300,000. Had the impeach-  
ment of President Johnson succeeded,  
Captain Ward would have succeeded  
Hon. Hugh McCulloch as Secretary of  
the Treasury. The assumption that such  
a man should have been of unsound mind  
is preposterous. His belief in spiritualism  
may seem little short of ludicrous to  
many people; and any one having faith  
in mediums will doubtless be charged  
by the rough common sense of the pub-  
lic with being foolish. But a feeble

sensitiveness of the imagination, which  
leads a person to believe in things held  
impossible, is surely to be distinguished  
from that mental aberration which is  
dangerous either to the victim or to the  
community, and which in itself forms a  
sufficient justification to declare him in-  
capable of managing his or her own af-  
fairs.

We regret to say that many facts re-  
lating to the private character of Captain  
Ward and certain members of his family,  
were brought to light in the course of  
this remarkable trial, from which the  
veil of secrecy and silence should never  
have been lifted. As a consequence, a  
highly-sensational book of scandal has  
been opened for the inspection of the  
public, but the Journal does not consider  
itself called upon to cater to a prurient  
taste by entering on the social and do-  
mestic phases of the case.

A Prayer that Created an Emptiness  
Among the Sisters.  
[Missouri Brunswick.]

They came near having a row in a col-  
ored prayer-meeting at Keystaville a  
few weeks ago. One of the sisters, who  
had a grievance, prayed:

"Oh, Lord! look down 'pon Dy resem-  
bled children hyar dis eben 'n' moob  
'em wid Dy grace. Tetch dat hyar  
wid de spirit ob all-bounding lub. Build  
up dar faith so strong dat de debil can't  
budget it, an' 'specially would we ax, if  
it am possible wid de Redeemer, that  
Dy put a little moah sense into de ob-  
jectified pate of de yallow wench wat  
am a gigglin' on de bench propo-  
sition Dy beebid sarvany."

"What's dat you're saying to de Lord  
'bout me?" asked the wench, rising to a  
point of order.

Not seeming to notice the interruption  
the supplicant continued:

"Gee, dat fool an' errin' sister more dis-  
gumption, oh Lord! to see de difference  
atwixt right and wrong, an' larn de  
huzzy to behave herse' in Dy holy sac-  
choary, 'stead of wrigglin' round like  
she was swallowed a corkscrew, 'n'  
taminatin' dese sakes pre-kinks with un-  
boly winkin' 'n' de man an' maskeline  
propo-ition ob dis assembled gatharin'."

An oh—  
"It's a lie! good Lord knows it's a lie!  
an' 'Dy in Dy inflame wisdom knows  
I never done it!" shouted the traduced  
member, who had now become nearly  
wild with rage. "Dat's de one partic-  
le of troot in it. It's a lie, an' I can mash  
de liess."

With these words she threw herself  
over the bench on to the back of the  
kneeling sister, plunged her hands into  
the bosom of that devout but indiscreet  
person, and lifted her up bodily.

Confusion reigned and dire dismay was  
on many faces that but a moment before  
were bright with the hope of heaven.  
But a stalwart deacon finally separated  
the females, and the one, who had been  
bustled out of the one, carried the ex-  
cited feelings of the other, and address-  
ing the relieved audience in an impres-  
sive tone, said:

"Bredren, it am better dat we dwell  
together in lunacy. Les peal de de  
front ob grace wat dar be no moah  
graceful disruption in our midst. Will  
Brudder Johnson make de 'peal in one of  
his powahful prahrs?"

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made.

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[From the Philadelphia Presbyterian.]

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[Vicksburg Herald.]

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